#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **PUBLIC HEARING #2-TAX INCREASE**

#### **AUGUST 16, 2011**

#### **MINUTES**

# THE STATE OF TEXAS § COUNTIES OF HARRIS & MONTGOMERY §

The Board of Directors of The Woodlands Township met in special session, open to the public, on August 16, 2011, posted to begin at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the office of The Woodlands Township, Service Center, 2201 Lake Woodlands Drive, The Woodlands, Texas, within the boundaries of The Woodlands Township.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Chairman Bruce Tough, Vice Chairman Lloyd Matthews, Secretary Claude

Hunter, Treasurer Ed Robb, Director Nelda Blair, Director Tom Campbell, and

Director Peggy Hausman

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** None

STAFF/ADVISORS: Don Norrell, President/General Manager, John Powers, Assistant General

Manager Community Services, Monique Sharp, Assistant General Manager of Finance & Administration, Susan Welbes, Director of Human Resources, Fire Chief Alan Benson, and Nick Wolda, Director of Community Relations/CVB

President, and Karen Dempsey, Management Analyst

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;

The Pledge of Allegiance was waived.

### CALL TO ORDER AND CONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION;

Chairman Tough called the meeting to order at 7:53 p.m. and declared that notice of this meeting was posted 72 hours in advance at the Courthouses of Montgomery and Harris Counties and inside the boundaries of The Woodlands Township at the office building located at 2201 Lake Woodlands Drive, The Woodlands, Texas. As there was a quorum of members present, the Board proceeded to conduct business regarding the following matters.

## CONSIDER AND ACT UPON ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA;

Chairman Tough called for a motion and second to adopt the meeting agenda.

Board of Directors Public Hearing #2-Tax Increase August 16, 2011 MOTION: Treasurer Robb moved to adopt the agenda; second by Director Campbell

VOTE:

Ayes: Chairman Tough

Vice Chairman Matthews

Secretary Hunter
Treasurer Robb
Director Blair
Director Campbell
Director Hausman

Nays: None Abstentions: None

Absent: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

# PURPOSE OF HEARING-PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING THE PROPOSED 2011 AD VALOREM TAX RATE OF THE WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP;

Chairman Tough remar ked that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive public comment regarding the proposed 2011 ad valorem tax rate of The Woodlands Township. The public was informed that due to Truth-in-Taxation laws, comments during the Public Hearing would be restricted to the topic of the proposed tax rate and that comments on the proposed 2012 budget as well as other comments regarding other topics would not be permitted.

Monique Sharp was then called on to make a brief presentation. Ms. Sharp provided a historical overview of The Woodlands Township's ad valorem tax rate beginning in 2009 and leading up to the 2011 ad valorem tax rate.

Following Ms. Sharp's presentation, Chairman Tough opened the floor to public comment on the proposed tax rate. No comments were received.

#### ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

As there was no further business to discuss, Chairman Tough called for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

MOTION: Motion by Treasurer Robb; second by Director Hausman

VOTE:

Ayes: Chairman Tough

Vice Chairman Matthews

Secretary Hunter Treasurer Robb Director Blair Director Campbell Director Hausman

Nays: None Absent: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Claude Hunter

Secretary, Board of Directors

(SEAL)

Board of Directors
Public Hearing #2-Tax Increase
August 16, 2011